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NOTE: Initial information on the subject of the Lithuanian anti-Soviet resistance and its possible use for our intelligence purposes was collected by AG-43 in the summer of 1945 and presented to the Hqs. in the form of two reports: (1) "The Underground Government of Lithuania" of 17 June 1945 and (2) "Union of the Combatants for the Freedom of Lithuania" of 19 June 1945.

Source of the present report is a Mr. R. SHUKIS, presently with CIC in Kassel. Mr. SHUKIS is an American of Lithuanian descent who came to visit his ill father in Lithuania in May 1940 and stayed there throughout the Soviet and German occupation. He was a member of the Lithuanian resistance, under the name Romanas JUREVICIUS, for self-preservation. Later in 1944, he was caught by the Germans and placed in "Organization Todt", attempted to flee but was caught and held in prison until his liberation by the French in April 1945. He went back to America, volunteered into the army and sent to Europe. Since May 1946, Mr. SHUKIS was with the Constabulary CIC, at first in Munich, and since January 1947, in Kassel.

1. The resistance movement in Lithuania is continuing. The refugees from Lithuania, now living as DPs in the U.S., British, and French Zones of Germany still maintain a lively contact with the resistance forces in Lithuania. The resistance forces are reportedly quite strong and very active.

2. The Lithuanian DPs maintain a courier service with the partisans in Lithuania. One of these couriers and main informant on the Lithuanian situation of SHUKIS is a Lituian VALIULIS (See Munich report of 19 June 1945 entitled "Union of the Combatants for the Freedom of Lithuania", para. 8-n) who now resides in Tuebingen, French Zone of Germany under the name Karolis DRUNGGA. VALIULIS, alias "DRUNGGA" made his last trip to Lithuania in autumn 1945, together with his friend Jonas DEKSNYS, alias "Jonas GUDELIS" (see Munich report of 17 June 1945 entitled "The Underground Government of Lithuania", para. 9). DEKSNYS, alias "GUDELIS" is now residing in Stockholm, Sweden.

3. The "Union of the Combatants for the Freedom of Lithuania" under Prof. Stasys ZAKIYVICIUS, alias "ZYANTAS", with members in the Western Zones of Germany and in Skandinavia, directs the anti-Soviet resistance fight. The "Union's" members in Lithuania are not only open partisans but also many prominent figures of the SSR/Lithuania. Some of these are:

a. Kipras PETRAUSKAS, noted Lithuanian labor and member of the Soviet Council of Nationalities. DEKSNYS on his first trip to Lithuania (see para. 2) was interviewed by PETRAUSKAS and cautioned that the Soviets were aware of his presence in the city of Kaunas.

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b. ^{ENH} Prof. ~~PURENAS~~, rector of the University of Kaunas. ~~PURENAS~~ donated ~~to DEKSNYS and to VALIULIS~~ during their first trip to Lithuania, a large ~~sum of money and told them that anyone coming from the outside world could~~ always count on his aid. ~~providing they were absolutely reliable.~~

c. ^{ENH} Prof. Juozas ~~ATULIS~~, chairman of the Academy of Science and chairman of the Board of Elections for the Supreme Soviet of SSR/Lithuania.

d. ^{ENH} ~~MA~~ ~~ABULVICIUS~~, member of the staff of the Lithuanian Division "Klaipėdos Gardai".

e. ^{ENH} J. ~~CHURGINAS~~, a poet and a translator, much favored by the Soviets and moving in influential Soviet circles.

4. It is the policy of the "Union of the Combatants for the Freedom of Lithuania" to get as many people as possible in positions of trust and through them to be informed of any impending or punitive actions against anti-Soviet elements.

5. The "Union" has financed all of these activities from funds collected from various Lithuanian groups and organizations. The "Union" can also get additional funds from the British and from the Swedes who appear to have a very great interest in the Baltic situation.

6. The "Union" would be willing to cooperate with the American intelligence, procuring information of military, economic, and political nature from Lithuania if called upon to do so. They would also be willing to send people into Lithuania to sound out persons in positions of importance as our future informants.

7. Contact with the "Union" could be established either through VALIULIS in Tuebingen, or through DEKSNYS in Stockholm.

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